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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

GRAVE HAPPENINGS IN GREECE.

BRITISH OFFICERS HAULED FROM STEAMER.

THREE HUNDRED VENIZELISTS REPORTED SHOT.

December 18, 1.25 p.m.
A telegram from Athens says the Allies have demanded reparation for the murdered soldiers, in the shape of a salute to their flag; the re-establishment of Allied control of the services; an indemnity; and an amnesty for the Venizelists.
It is expected that the blockade will be maintained till the conditions are fulfilled.
The price of necessities has risen thirty per cent. in consequence of the blockade.

Venizelists Shot.

December 18, 1.25 p.m.
The Daily Chronicle correspondent at Athens says that three thousand Venizelists are in prison, and that three hundred have been shot.

Two French Soldiers Killed.

December 18, 1.25 p.m.
The Daily Mail correspondent at Syra, wiring on December 11, reports grave happenings in the provinces.
Greek officers seized guns and ammunition under Allied control at Volo and Larissa.
At Trikkala, they expelled the controllers, who were insulted by crowds.
At Volo, a gang hauled British officers from the steamer and threw the furniture for the British Control Office into the sea. They also killed two French soldiers and a Greek interpreter.

Panic on Stock Exchange.

December 18, 2.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, there is a panic on the Stock Exchange in consequence of the blockade.

Transport of Greece Troops.

December 18, 2.05 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, the transport of Greek troops to Mores began on Saturday. The passage of trains was checked at Elatis station. Allied officers and French warships at Patras and Corinth are supervising.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Enemy Cavalry Refuses Battle.

December 17, 10.20 p.m.
A Russian communique says:—A strong enemy attack was repelled in the region of Waladrina, at the point of the bayonet. We pursued the enemy and secured a height.
On the Rumanian front, cavalry twice rushed to attack the enemy cavalry which was attempting to attack our retiring troops in the region of Buzen. The enemy did not accept battle, and retired behind the infantry.

Germans Gain Ground.

December 18, 2.50 a.m.
A German evening communique says:—In the east, our army in the Dobruja gained ground northwards.

A Vast Russo-Rumanian Plan.

December 18, 1.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that advice from Petrograd speak of the enemy having suffered enormous losses in Wallachia.
The Rumanian armies are completely saved, and are at present on the other side of Sireth, where they are re-organising.
The Russians are holding the ground on all fronts, except that between Rimnicu Sarat and the Frotine region, where, however, General Averesco is standing firm.
General Brusiloff has moved to the south.
In South Moldavia, a vast Russo-Rumanian plan has been carried out, and important fighting is impending.

Two Successful British Raids.

December 18, 4.15 p.m.
A British message for Salonica reports two successful raids on the Struma front and at Lake Doiran.
Our aeroplanes have bombed Tumba station and damaged a transport on the Ghevgeli-Cherniste road.

Russians Capture Heights.

December 18, 6.45 p.m.
A Russian communique says:—We have captured a number of heights in the Carpathians, and have taken two hundred prisoners.
We have repulsed enemy counter-attacks there and in the regions of Filipesci and Dikhetogu, in Rumania.

German Aerial Attacks.

December 18, 6.45 p.m.
A German communique says:—Our air squadrons attacked the enemy retreating to Braila, with visible effect.

GERMANS BOMB RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

December 18, 2.50 a.m.
A German evening communique reports:—German aeroplanes bombed Russian warships at Salina and killed a hostile aeroplane by machine-gun fire.

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THE FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

British Enter German Trenches.

December 17, 11.40 p.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig says:—We successfully raided trenches at Benhart, inflicting casualties and bombing dug-outs. We entered trenches south-west of Wytschaete, and destroyed a machine-gun emplacement.
The enemy blew a camouflaged to the east of Ypres.

Moderate Fighting.

December 18, 2.50 a.m.
A German evening communique says:—There is moderate fighting in the west.

Enemy Bombs New Positions.

December 18, 12.10 p.m.
A Paris official message says:—On the right of the Meuse, our new lines from Vacheraville to Besonvaux, and particularly the Chambrette Farm sector, were bombed. We replied.

The Verdun Victory.

December 18, 12.50 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the capture of Pepper Hill was the decisive event leading to the Verdun victory. The Germans were clinging desperately to the Hill, when they were unexpectedly attacked in the rear. A debacle followed, and the enemy fled, casting away his arms, munitions and equipment. Our contingents cut off his retreat, and the enemy surrendered by the hundred.

Further to the east, the powerfully fortified Chambrette Farm, on which were found sixty machine-guns, was gloriously assaulted by a weak force. A battery of eight-inch guns was found at an adjacent point intact, and the gunners were dead alongside. Big captures of munitions further testified to the completeness of the victory.

Over 11,000 Prisoners.

December 18, 4.30 p.m.
A French communique announces:—The Germans violently counter-attacked our new positions on the right bank of the Meuse, but did not succeed in gaining a footing, except at the farm at Chambrette, the immediate approaches to which we continue to hold.
We have so far counted 11,387 prisoners at Verdun since December 15, including 284 officers. We captured or destroyed 115 guns, forty-four mine-throwers, and 167 machine-guns.

French Wreat Back a Farm.

December 19, 1.20 a.m.
A Paris communique says:—South of the Somme, there was fairly lively reciprocal artillery activity in the La Maisonette sector. On the right of the Meuse, after a sharp fight, we ejected the enemy from Chambrette Farm, the whole of which we have re-occupied. Two machine guns have been captured.

BOMBING RAIDS IN FRANCE.

British Aviators' Good Work.

December 18, 3.05 p.m.
The Air Board describes successful bombing raids in France on German artillery.
Prisoners admit that large numbers of guns were directly hit as the result of accurate observation of British aviators.

OUR BLIND HEROES.

A World-wide Appeal.

December 18, 4.20 p.m.
Sir Arthur Pearson makes the following appeal to the Press of the world. He begins with the request:—"Will you ask your readers to send New Year's gifts to help men blinded in the war? The numbers are increasing very rapidly, and we have nearly three hundred learning to be blind workers. Nearly two hundred more are coming shortly from hospital. Already one hundred and sixty have been taught to read by the Braille system, and to typewrite, and are settled in useful and profitable occupations. A large permanent fund is needed to ensure adequate supervision and assistance for these and others who are following. Their courage, determination and rapidity in overcoming the handicap are shown to be beyond all praise. We trust that those possessing the inestimable gift of sight will send a New Year thank-offering for the benefit of those who have given their eyes for the Empire."
The above message is sent through the courtesy of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company from Sir Arthur Pearson, St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, London.

ITALIAN DEMAND FOR WAR COMMITTEE.

December 18, 2.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that a number of members of Parliament are urging Signor Boselli to appoint a War Committee similar to that of the British and the French.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

December 18, 1.45 p.m.
The Foreign Office has granted Count Tarnowski, Austrian-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, safe conduct to the United States.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

December 18, 2.00 p.m.
The following steamers have been sunk:—Westminster (British); Braak (Norwegian); Michailovichoukoff (Danish); Yala (Swedish); and the sailing vessels Nisid and Constantine Mary (British).

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THE PEACE OVERTURES.

Shortage of Food the Explanation.

December 18, 1.45 p.m.
It is reported from Amsterdam that food shortage is the key to the German peace offers.
Herr Bitoohi, twenty-four hours previously, told his auditors that the potato crop is only twenty million tons, as compared with fifty million tons last year. The grain crop is one-and-a-half million tons short of the estimate, and the expectation of supplies from Rumania will not be realised, as Hungary and Austria are already quarrelling over it.
The Kodnische Zeitung hints that Herr Koerber's fall is due to a quarrel with Count Tisa in connection with the capture of Rumanian food.

Excitement Subsides in Japan.

December 18, 2.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo, the excitement due to the announcement of the German peace proposals is now allayed.

SAD PLIGHT OF SERBIAN PRISONERS.

December 18, 4.15 p.m.
The Serbian Legation reports that an escaped Russian priest describes the Serbian prisoners in Austria as weak and emaciated. They go in search of roots and sometimes beg. He never saw a more wretched set of men.

IN MESOPOTAMIA.

British Nearing Kut.

December 18, 4.50 p.m.
An official message says that Colonel Maude has extended his hold on the Hai River, and has bombarded the Turkish positions with good results.
Cavalry discovered Turks constructing a bridge on the Tigris, six miles to the west of Kut-el-Amara. Our casualties were considerable.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NO "PEACE AT ANY PRICE."

December 16, 2.50 p.m.
Mr. Henderson, the Cabinet Minister, in a speech said that the peace loving British would welcome peace; but they remembered that the offer emanated from a power which infamously proposed in 1914 that we should betray France and acquiesce in the violation of Belgium. Therefore the proposals must be scrutinised in the light of our sacred obligations to our Allies and must be tested by the principles for which we were fighting. Indemnities for the past were insufficient without guarantees for the future and the latter were insufficient without ample reparation to Belgium, Serbia and Poland. If the proposals were merely a pretence to secure an armistice we should set our faces like steel and confront all hardships and dangers in order to secure a righteous peace.

MEATLESS DAYS EXPECTED.

December 18, 2.50 p.m.
It is expected that Lord Devonport will shortly enforce a meatless day, probably Thursday, including private houses; also sugar tickets and the compulsory use of maize, oats or barley in addition to wheat in breadmaking.

RE-ELECTION OF MINISTERS UNNECESSARY.

December 16.
The House of Commons has passed the Re-election Bill. By this Bill the re-election of Ministers is dispensed with.

THE ITALIANS.

Appreciation of British Help.

December 18, 2.45 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, the Finance Minister in his Budget speech said that last year's deficit was 768,000,000 lire. He foresaw no great difficulties in providing for the forthcoming period for internal expenses, while he was confident of the cordial given support of the British Treasury to overcome the difficulties regarding war payments abroad.

Idea of Peace Repudiated.

December 17, 4.40 p.m.
Communications in Italy have been interrupted by snowstorms.
A belated message shows that the Italian press repudiates the idea of peace negotiations at present.
Baron Sonnino, speaking in the Chamber on Wednesday, said he had received the German peace note, which was very vague, and he therefore deprecated any discussion as it was most important that the Allies should act in unison.

AN ELECTION POSSIBILITY.

December 17, 4.40 p.m.
"Reynolds Newspaper" says that in the event of anything like a concerted effort to oppose the drastic proposals which Mr. Lloyd George will submit to Parliament, the inner circle of the Premier's supporters make no secret of the possibility of an election.
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"COMBING-OUT" THE COTTON TRADE.

Can the Mills Yield More? M. n?

London, Nov. 1.—How far the "combing-out" of industries which have hitherto been wholly or partially reserved will affect the cotton trade of Lancashire, it is impossible to say at the moment. A revised list of reservations is in the hands of the printers, and is expected to be published within the next week or ten days. There is a rumour that all single men of military age in the cotton trade and all married men up to the age of 25 will be made liable for service. At present single men over the age of 30 and all married men are exempt.

In the spinning sections there is general agreement among employers and operatives alike that any new drastic measures would imperil the industry. Roughly, it is estimated that of the male spinners and cardroom operatives still following their own occupations about 50 per cent are of military age, and that of these about 15 per cent are unmarried. Of that 15 per cent and of the comparatively small number of married men under the age of 25 a considerable proportion are unfit for military service. The military representative in an important spinning centre stated to a representative of the Manchester Guardian yesterday that he did not expect much to result from any tightening of the grip on the cotton industry—that, in fact, he had been greatly surprised to find in the course of his inspections so few eligible men in the mills.

Much machinery is already idle in consequence of the lack of labour. Whilst many of the mills have been able to announce good profits, some of the older types are finding it most difficult in keeping their looms open, and in others, it is stated the production is not more than 80 per cent of the normal. "We are so short-handed," a prominent leader of the operatives said yesterday, "that if they take any more of the men it will mean stopping the mills. Women have already been introduced wherever it is possible. Much of the work is quite unsuitable for them—it is too dangerous."

In the Oldham district the "combing-out" process has been in operation for many months, and has been a constant source of trouble in the spinning mills. The recruiting officers, having been set the task of finding so many men each week, have had to pay rounds of visits regularly, and have distributed their "calls" as evenly as possible. The result is that mill managers have no sooner adjusted one dislocation than another has been caused, and, generally speaking, each succeeding one has proved harder of adjustment. Skilled workers cannot be brought in from outside, and a youth becomes eligible for military service by the time he is fitted for a responsible post in a certified occupation. The inevitable effect is a lessening of production.

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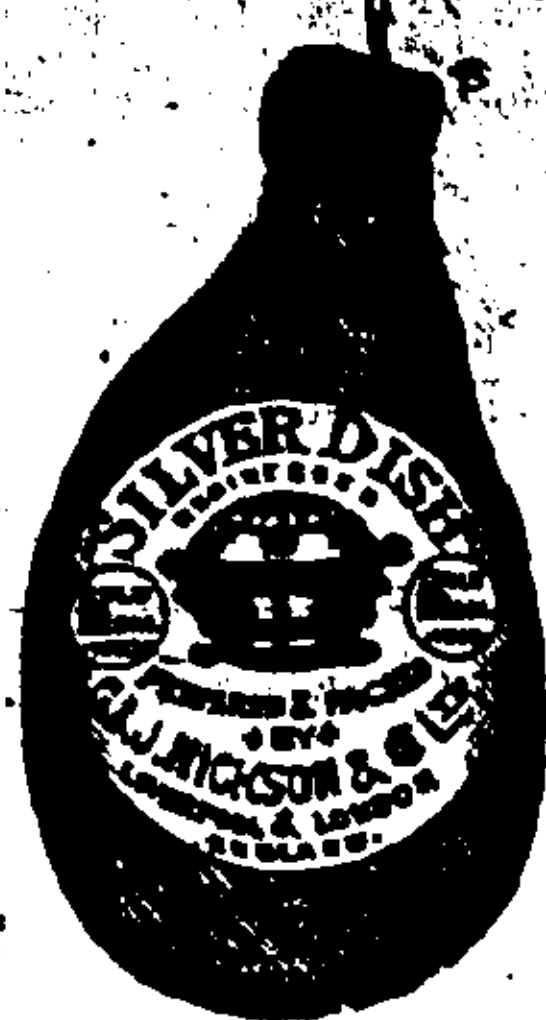
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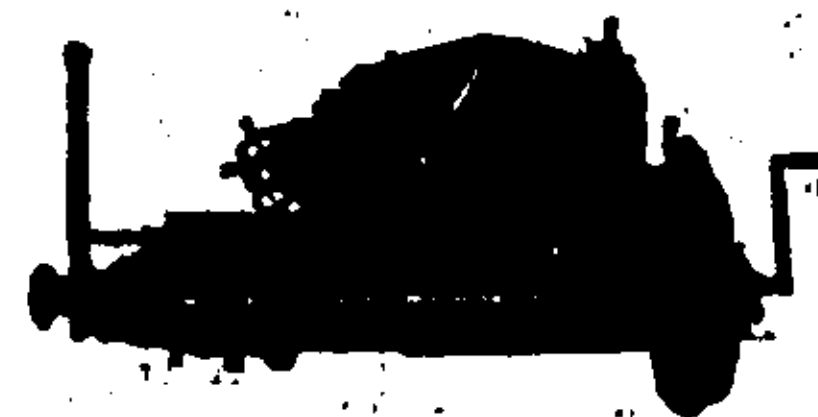


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The Salt Position in Burma.

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 the import of salt in October, the
 possibility of a shortage has been
 practically ended. The quantity
 of salt which arrived in Burma
 last month was 9,357 tons which
 brought up the total for the seven
 months, April-October, to 23,815
 tons, which is 2,854 tons in excess
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 has increased more than \$140,000-
 000, it is estimated by the Gov-
 ernor of the United States Federal
 Reserve Board in a statement
 urging conservation upon Ameri-
 can business men in order to
 prepare for the inevitable reaction.
 Never again will the
 United States see a collapse of
 credit such as we have often seen
 in the past," he added.

The Madras Cyclone.

Madras, 29th November.—With
 reference to the statement that the
 Bodier Mills and Engine shed
 have been smashed by the cyclone,
 and the loss estimated at seven
 lakhs, Messrs. Best and Co.,
 Agents for the Anglo Textile Co.,
 Limited, state: The engine-room,
 boilers, and machinery at Bodier
 Mill are intact, and the damage
 is confined to the corrugated roofs
 of various buildings, to bun-
 galows in the mill compound, and
 to material in preparation, and
 stores. It is impossible at present
 to give the actual extent of the
 damage, but we anticipate that
 Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000 should
 cover any loss, we have sustained.

Faults of Cheap Education.

Sir James Yoxall, M.P. speak-
 ing at a dinner of the Sales
 Managers' Association at the Hol-
 born Restaurant, said the defects
 of the subordinate English busi-
 ness man were due to his educa-
 tion.—The system of education
 was defective because of the lack
 of zeal and intellectuality in
 school and college. Happily in
 this country we had the best
 human raw material in the
 world, and intelligence equal to
 emergency. The defect in our
 system of education was that
 from the elementary schools
 upward, boys and girls were not
 interested. We had tried to run
 education on the cheap, with
 ill-equipped, ill-paid teachers.
 We needed smaller classes,
 better teachers, with recognition
 of their position and higher pay-
 ment, and longer school life.
 One year after the age of 14 was
 worth three years before that age.

Bamboo Pulp.

Madras, 24th November.—
 Among the resolutions moved at
 to-day's sitting of the Madras
 Legislative Council was one
 moved by Mr. K. R. V. Krishnas-
 Rao recommending the Govern-
 or-in-Council that immediate steps
 be taken to produce in Pansalar
 Paper Mills, bleached paper and
 pulp for printing and writing
 requirements, on account of the
 great scarcity of paper in
 the Presidency, and urging
 that steps be taken to equip exist-
 ing chemical laboratories in the
 Presidency for production of
 pharmaceutical drugs and chemi-
 cals. The Hon'ble Mr. M.
 Cochrane, in replying, said that
 as the Government expert had
 reported that the said mills were
 unsuitable for manufacturing
 white paper; the only material
 that could be used was bamboo,
 and nobody had succeeded in
 manufacturing white paper on a
 commercial scale from bamboo
 in India. He asserted that the
 Government were endeavouring
 to interest various private firms
 in the manufacture of paper from
 bamboo.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Canton-Hankow Railway. A section of the Canton-Hankow Railway has been completed and traffic has been opened, but only for the transport of stores and railway employees.

Death of the Marquis de Breteuil.

Paris, November 5.—The death is announced of the ex-Deputy, the Marquis de Breteuil, at the age of 63. It will be remembered that the Prince of Wales was the guest of the Marquis de Breteuil when he visited Paris a few years ago.

"Anglo-American Mastery."

President Wilson's speech at Cincinnati was printed at considerable length by the Berlin newspapers, which with varying degrees of comment—from the expressed belief that his suggestion of the necessity for a "society of nations" is simply unworkable and impracticable to the outspoken claim that it is inspired by ambition for Anglo-American mastery of the world.

650 per cent. interest.

At Huddersfield County Court a girl under twenty-one informed Judge McCarthy that, having been awarded £150 compensation for the loss of an arm, she borrowed £1 from Messrs. Levi, William Street, who demanded £1 interest for a fortnight. His Honour said the moneylenders were attempting to claim interest at the rate of 650 per cent. per annum, and he directed they should be paid one shilling interest.

Small-Pox in Osaka.

An outbreak of small-pox is reported from Osaka. A boy of seven, son of a coolie in Nishigori Mura, Kawachi Gun, Osaka, was found to be suffering from the disease on the 4th. The Sanitary authorities at once adopted preventive measures, but their efforts were of little avail, as the boy's brother and five others in the village were discovered to be suffering from the disease yesterday. The authorities have taken energetic steps to prevent the disease from spreading.

New Coal Mine.

Owing to the shortage of coal from the Tanshanwan mine there has been a big rise in the price of this commodity and the people suffer increased difficulty in their daily living. In consequence, Tachua Wang sent men to the spot to make enquiries and they found in Chenkaiwan, a place near Tanshanwan, a rich new seam of coal. The Tachua Wang has therefore ordered a new mine to be opened there. It is expected that large supplies of coal will be available in Hankow very soon.

Fire at Penang.

Penang, Dec. 4.—An exciting sequel to the "Pakji" ceremony in connection with the death of Khoo Chew Keong took place to-day. In the grounds of Edinburgh House a large model paper house was burnt. The flames therefrom were carried by the wind and reached the Supreme Court, opposite, about the time Judge's Chambers, which took some time to extinguish. The fire-brigade under Mr. Hamilton succeeded in keeping the outbreak under control and small damage was done.

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All those who are interested are cordially invited. By kind permission of His Excellency The Governor, the Lecture will be given in the ball-room at Government House.

H. E. POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Odd Volumes Society.

G. R.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1916.

OUR SUNDAYS.

We have read with not a little interest the report of a sermon dealing with Sunday golf, which was preached by the minister of the Union Church in Hongkong last Sunday. While probably but a small percentage of our readers will agree with Mr. Macdonald's ideas, they will doubtless own that he is not only sincere but consistent therein. He is, we believe, a Presbyterian, and thus is committed to certain definite beliefs on the observance of Sunday; and were he to utter any other doctrine on the subject than that which he offered his flock in his recent sermon, his position would necessarily have been unsound, beyond all doubt. One of the strong points in the Presbyterian's creed is that the first day of the week shall be a day devoid of amusements; and for him to abandon such a notion is pretty much the same thing as for a Catholic to turn Friday into a feast of fat things, or for a Jew to revel in a dish of ham and swine.

Many views about the keeping of Sunday. So long as Mr. Macdonald confines himself to instructing the people of his own faith in the way wherein they should walk, it is an impertinence for any non-Presbyterian to express an opinion as to his teachings; but in the sermon, a part of which we published yesterday, he seems, in his anxiety for the safeguarding of his parishioners, inclined to allow his comments to go beyond the doings of the worshippers at his own church and to stretch to those who profess some other form of Christianity. When this happens, the matter at once becomes more or less a public one.

Briefly, Mr. Macdonald's sense of reverence is outraged because the padre at the Anglican cathedral has arranged a special service for golfers. This, we repeat, from the Scottish Kirk's point of view, is flying in the face of all accepted tradition. But may not the Church of England hold, and be entitled to hold, a totally different belief? In the days of Henry VIII, and for long after, bear-baiting and football and cock-fighting were indulged in by all classes of Anglicans on the Sunday, and were accounted no sin; nor was it until the Puritans got the power into their hands that the English ever dreamt of turning the day into one of misery. Ultimately they came to learn that Puritanism possessed all the defects of its qualities—and more; and thereafter they began feebly to revolt against its tyranny. Compared with the antiquity of Christianity itself, Sabbatarianism is quite an innovation; a thing barely three centuries old; and any time these eighty years the travelled Britisher, if not the untravelled, has been stealthily seeking to banish it. Can this be wondered at, when we remember how many thousands, if not millions, of people have been permanently embittered against religion, entirely through having their childhood's days made wretched by this Sunday fetich? For somewhere about a thousand years Britishers were content to regard the day, not as bearing any special relation to the Jewish Sabbath, but as the weekly Feast of the Resurrection: a day when they must assemble for Divine worship, and when they must, if possible, refrain from servile work; but nevertheless one on which recreation was not only permissible but meritorious. Then came the new era, and for a while, very much against their will in many cases, men fell in with it. But in due time they learned that this new-fangled observance did not markedly improve the morals of the people; nay, rather that it put a premium on hypocrisy and deceit; and, to-day most of us are inclined to feel that, when the time comes for us to face the Master, our method of spending Sunday will be a very small matter indeed in comparison with other issues.

If men could be persuaded that, in countries where Sabbatarianism prevails, morality, whether in the broad or in the narrow sense, is higher than in others, then they might be prepared to support it. But will Mr. Macdonald contend that Sunday-worshipping Scotland is purer, more honest and more charitable than poor thoughtless, thriftless, lawless, Sabbath-breaking Ireland? Will he suggest that men and women lead nobler and more self-denying lives in Calvinistic Holland or Switzerland than they led in Belgium or Poland before the war? Most of us are apt to judge of a tree by its fruits, and when we find that the man who plays golf on Sundays is not infrequently more unselfish, and more honest in business, than another who makes himself and his family miserable by banning all enjoyment on the first day of the week, it is not astonishing that we should regard "Sabbath-breaking" as a trifling sin. After all, is life long enough to leave room for our being careful and troubled about such a matter? The minister of the Union Church is welcome to spend Sunday in whatever way seemeth him good; but surely he should hesitate before laying down the law, especially in a small place like Hongkong, to those who are not of his fold. What would he say if either of the bishops here, or a Jewish rabbi, Mohammedan imam, Chinese priest or Sikh teacher should hold forth in public to-morrow on the shortcomings of the Presbyterians? In this world we have to live and let live.

For Blinded Heroes.

The war has given rise to the making of very many appeals on behalf of those who have suffered in the Empire's battles, but none more worthy of a widespread and liberal response has been made than that sent out to the Press of the world by Sir Arthur Pearson on behalf of our blinded heroes. The author of the appeal, himself deprived of sight, has for many years done a noble work on behalf of the blind, and, since the war, he has especially devoted himself to the welfare of men in our Army and Navy, who, as he puts it, "have given their eyes for the Empire." Sir Arthur states that nearly three hundred of these men are learning to become blind workers, two hundred more are shortly expected from hospital, and one hundred and sixty have already been trained and placed in profitable occupations. It will thus be seen that this appeal does not represent a request for a charitable dole which will temporarily relieve the sufferers; it is a call for thank-offerings, from those who possess the inestimable gift of sight, on behalf of men who have made great sacrifices and who will be saved from life-long misery by being made useful members of society. We earnestly commend the appeal to those in our midst who are seeking a worthy object to assist in the New Year.

In Greece.

Thus far, although in theory the Greeks have agreed to the terms imposed on them, no great progress towards a peaceable settlement of difficulties seems to have been made. Attacks on representatives of the Allies are reported, including insults to British officers and the murder of two French soldiers—all of which proves that nothing but a strong and heavy hand laid on them by the Entente will bring the Greeks to reason. The time has gone by for weak talk about infringing the international law etc. Greece to-day is what China was in the old days: a country that cannot be reasoned with and that cannot keep faith unless the screw is put on—and kept on. That matters have come to their present pass is entirely attributable to the gentle methods that have been employed in dealing with the King of the Hellenes. Had Germany been in our place, would King Constantine have fooled her? Had Russia, instead of Britain, had a big controlling voice in the matter, would the Greeks have been free to practise their treacherous wholesale and to act as agents general for the Kaiser? One week of severe handling from Allied troops or blue-jackets, or both, would be quite enough to put an end to Greece's pro-Germanism; and now that two Frenchmen have been killed we have some hope that our friend Constantine may be in for a bad quarter of an hour.

"The Literary Digest."

We have received from the editor of the New York *Literary Digest* a request for a few lines expressive of our opinion of that useful publication. We consent gladly, for we believe that the magazine is accomplishing an excellent work. The *Literary Digest* is a weekly, usually running to about four and twenty quarto pages; it is sold at ten cents (U.S. currency) and the illustrations alone are more than worth the money. It is divided into sections: Topics of the Day, Foreign Comment, Science and Invention, Letters and Art, Religion and Social Service, Current Poetry and Personal Glimpses; and each section is made up of reprints from the world's press, given with a brief explanatory introduction. The *Literary Digest* has been running for over a quarter of a century and is likely to run, for it accomplishes what it undertakes to do: serves up, in an appealing form, a variety of views on the things that matter, and gives a whole-somely wide berth to the well—the dops we believe it is called in the United States—that is so dear to the heart of the American newspaper-reading public. So good luck to the *Literary Digest*!

DAY BY DAY.

FAITH IN SOMETHING AND ENTHUSIASM FOR SOMETHING THAT MAKES A LIFE WORTH LOOKING AT.—O. W. Holmes.

The Mails.
American, Canadian and U.K. Mails.—Closed per s.s. Tenyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail.—Closed per s.s. Krukiang at 3 p.m. to-day.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 28th anniversary of the defeat of the Soudanese at Suakin under General Grenfell.

Football Notes.
The usual weekly football notes by "Quis" will appear to-morrow.

Fell Over the Cliff.
The dead body of a Chinese, who apparently fell down the face of the cliff near No. 1 Dock at Kowloon, has been conveyed to the mortuary.

Knocked Down by Tramcar.
An old woman of 70 years has been conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the head, caused by being knocked down by a tramcar.

For War Charities.
The two oil paintings by Miss Fung Man Fung, the daughter of Mr. Fung Hon, interpreter at the Supreme Court, which were exhibited in the Tai Ping Theatre last week at the performance held in aid of the War Charities, have been sold on behalf of the Fund for \$100 each.

Field Glass Fund.
Two telescopes contributed by Captain I. J. Loring, St. George's House, Hongkong, are now added to the list of glasses received and forwarded to the Lady Roberts' Field Glass Fund. The total now stands:—One stand telescope, fifteen hand telescopes, forty-eight binoculars, and a donation of \$75.

The Small-pox Epidemic.
Small-pox is still rife in the Colony, there being no fewer than 60 cases last week, of which 44 ended fatally. The sufferers were four British and the rest Chinese, one case being imported. The other communicable diseases notified during the week were five of enteric fever (one British and the rest Chinese; one imported), of which four were fatal; and five of diphtheria (one Scottish and the rest Chinese), from which there were two deaths.

Story Disbelieved.
The hearing was continued at the Police Court this morning of the case in which a concubine is charged with stealing \$5,000, clothing, etc., to the total value of \$2,600, from the man with whom she had been living. Mr. Mattingley defended. A fitter at the Taikoo Docks said he knew complainant and some time ago he went away. Before he went he asked him (witness) to look after defendant and pay her a certain amount of money. Complainant left no money with him, and he had no reason to believe that any money had been left with defendant. His Worship said he did not believe complainant's story, and defendant would be discharged.

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I've got to do all this before the kids get up in the mornin' an' it's 10 o'clock now. Of course, I ain't got to do it. If I liked to put my feet down as master o' the house I—

Enter Maria Stropp (loud shrill voice):—"Well, well, I declare. Here you are again, John, a mutterin' and a mumbly to yourself an' not a bit of decoration done. What's the matter, Aint yer well? Ah! (her eyes rest on a bottle on the table) I know what it is. You are bilious again. You aint took yer Anti-bilious Mixture. That's what it is. After all the trouble I go to mix in' it up for yer. But you don't care how yer poor wife suffers, not you. Come along; drink it up. (She pours out a glass which Jack swallows with a grimace.) Now I'm going to bed. Don't get makin' a noise with the decorations and wake up the children."

Jack (Seizing the bottle viciously):—"Anti-bilious mixture this is. She makes it up for me. Make me drink it too! Ugh! Well; not exactly make me, y'know; of course, if I liked to put my foot down as master o' the house I—

Maria (Poking head through door):—"Don't forget the mistletoe, John."

Jack (Almost falling over himself to get a hammer and some evergreens):—"Ye my dear, certainly, certainly; I'm just putting it up now." (Door closes. Jack waits a few seconds, then goes to door and listens.) "Ah, she's gone. Now for a drop of me own special anti-aircraft—mean anti-bilious mixture. (Takes out a bottle of beer, and settles himself in the chair comfortably.) Well, cheer o' Jack my boy, Happy Christmas for you and many of 'em. (Gazes around.) I only wish these bally decorations was up and done with. Why don't Old Santa Claus send along a good Fairy, and—(here his head falls forward followed by a loud snore).

ACT II.

(Slight pause, followed by sound of door being gradually opened.)

Enter Burglar with pistol and lantern. He prowls around, sees Jack, presses revolver against his forehead.

Jack (Waking up with a start):—"Wow, how yer startled me, matey."

Burglar (Gruffly):—"Show that Gav'nor, or I'll let daylight into yer. Where's the family plate?"

Jack (Scared voice):—"Family plate? Oh, here y'are. We've only got four." (Hands him four dirty plates off the table).

Burglar:—"No foolin' now, I tell yer. Think yer self funny, I suppose? (Brandishes revolver.) Now, where's the boodle?"

Jack (Feebly):—"Boodle?"

Burglar:—"Yes, Booodle, Oof, Tin, Rent, Money, anything you like to call it. Fork out, quick!"

Jack:—"Money? Oh, Maria only allows me 6d a week, and I spent fourpence on a pint. You can have this tuppence."

Burglar:—"Look here, I'm a dangerous man to fool about with, I tell yer. Wot yer got in that bottle? (Points to the anti-bilious mixture).

Jack (Readily):—"Oh, only a drop of 'Johnny Walker.' You won't drink me last drop, surely?"

"KISMET."

The Third Performance.

The third performance of "Kismet" by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club took place last evening in the Theatre Royal, when once again a packed house was delighted with this ambitious and spectacular work. Much has already been written of the great success which has attended this latest effort of the local Club, and all the good things which have been said become even further justified—and in a sense inadequate—with each new presentation. Diffusing the spirit of old-world Eastern life, vividly portraying the loves and jealousies of the Oriental mind, and presenting, through tragedy, a story of intense interest, "Kismet" allows one to visualise a civilisation of centuries ago, wherein the human passions more openly worked their purpose than now. The author and producers have revelled in the colour of these days, and each scene is a masterpiece of studied detail.

The central figure of Hajj, the beggar, has been made a triumph in the hands of Mr. C. H. P. Hay, and last evening he was once again an unqualified success. As Marcinah, Mrs. Evans further enhanced the reputation which her work in this part has gained, and all the other characters, prominent and minor, performed with an understanding gentleness of success. More cannot be said than that the presentation was perfect.

The play is being again produced to-morrow afternoon, the final performance taking place on Saturday night.

Burglar (Eagerly):—"Wot I, though? An' me aint had a drink to-day." (He seizes bottle and drinks up, laying revolver on table. Jack seizes it as burglar spits and splutters on the mixture.) "I'm poisoned, I'm poisoned!"

Jack (levelling revolver):—"Hands up, quick, now." (Burglar throws up hands.)

Jack:—"Now, my lad, I'm boss now. I've two minds to hand you over to the police."

Burglar (whining):—"Don't do that, Gav'nor. Think o' me wife and kids. An' Christmas Eve too."

Jack (suddenly seized with bright idea):—"Christmas Eve! So it is. No, my lad, I won't hand you over to the police. I've got a little job for you. See those decorations? I want 'em all put up. Savvy? You can start right away on the Christmas tree."

Burglar:—"Wot, me rig up a bloomin' Christmas Tree. I've never done such a thing in me life."

Jack:—"No reason why you shouldn't learn, me lad. Either that or the police. (He makes a move to the door.) Come, which is it?"

Burglar:—"All right Gav'nor, all right, I'll do it."

Jack:—"That's better. I thought you'd be reasonable. (Burglar under Jack's direction decorates the room, putting up evergreens, lanterns, etc.)

Jack (when he has finished):—"Well, my lad, I reckon you've done a good hour's work. I won't go back on me word. I'll let you go."

Burglar (eagerly):—"You will, Gav'nor?"

Jack:—"Yes, but before you go, have a drink."

Burglar (pleadingly):—"No, no, Gav'nor. No more of that stuff. I'm teetotal. Have been since I was a kid."

Jack (laughing):—"Oh, he aint the 'anti-bilious' this time, Matey; This is a drop of genuine stuff." (Burglar takes a deep drink and hurriedly departs with a "Happy Christmas to yer, Gav'nor.")

(Certain drops while all the decorations are taken down and left as they were in the first place.)

Curtain raised, showing Jack asleep in chair; He suddenly falls forward with a bang. Gases blankly around for a few seconds, an amazed, incredulous look creeping over his face. (Aloud):—"Well, I'm Hanged! To think it was only a dream!"

[Permission to perform the above sketch must be obtained from the author, whose address is c/o E.M.S. Tamar.]

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Happy Celebration at R. A. Theatre.

The R.G.A. annual Christmas Tree celebration was held in the Royal Artillery Theatre, Victoria Barracks, this afternoon, the children attending coming from Stonecutter's Island, Lyman, Kowloon and Victoria, the parents also being present.

The theatre presented a very gay appearance, being liberally decorated with flags, etc., and, with the tree, lit with coloured lights and covered with ornaments, etc., presented a very pleasing effect.

Major G. M. De Piro, R.G.A. Captain, and Adjutant F. S. Holliday, R.G.A. Captain Nevill, and other officers were present, while among the ladies were Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Nevill, Miss Ventris and Miss Williamson.

The tea tables were very neatly laid out by Messrs. Wiseman, Ltd., and at these the children did their very best. A class metograph performance followed, arranged by Mr. J. Blake, of the Victoria Theatre, and a very suitable programme was put on, mainly comic and war pictures, and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Following the pictures, two large designs were simultaneously drawn and displayed the tree in all its glory, and, what was a surprise to all the children, Father Christmas was standing in the centre, in reasonable garb, ready to give all a toy and sweets.

This concluded, the families gradually dispersed, the children tired and happy and the parents pleased with the capital afternoon arranged for the "bairns."

Mr. V. C. Labram, as Father Christmas, was ideal, and Mrs. Alderman's playing at the piano during the pictures helped a great deal in completing a well arranged entertainment.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Patrol Duties.
Under no circumstances is any member whilst in the Colony permitted to absent himself from patrol duty except on strict compliance with Standing Order 84. The attention of Company and Platoon Commanders and war-officers is particularly drawn to this fact.

Police School.
Thursday, Dec. 21.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).
Friday, Dec. 22.—Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).
Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Class I (Chief Inspector Kerr). Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).
Thursday, Dec. 28.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).
Friday, Dec. 29.—Class II (Inspector Gerrard).

Inspection of Arms.
Nos. 3 and 4 Sections of No. 1 Company will return their rifles to the Armoury on Friday, Dec. 22, between the hours of 5.15 and 5.45 p.m.

Service Band.
Thursday, Dec. 21.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra.
Friday, Dec. 22.—No. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police.
Wednesday, Dec. 27.—No. 3 Company, Bagpipers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.
Gunners and Motor Patrols.
Only Company, Platoon and Section Commanders and Warrant Officers will be required to attend. They will attend at 5.30 p.m. sharp and in uniform.

A Sugar Thief.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing 34 ounces of sugar. A larking found him a godown at West Point and discovered the sugar tied round his waist. Defendant said he had been given the sugar by a friend, whom he was not able to find. His Worship sent him to prison for a month.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

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ORDER RESTORED IN PORTUGAL.

December 17, 4.40 p.m.
Order has been completely restored in Portugal where trains are arriving normally.

THE VERDUN VICTORY.

December 18, 8.05 a.m.
A significant feature of the Verdun fighting was the apparent absence of German reserves.
Accounts agree that the dispirited Germans were beaten before the start. They fought only with artillery, and that wildly.
The trenches were carried very easily. Snow fell heavily on the battle-field on Saturday. The ground was like a bog, and it was impossible to dig trenches. The heroism in retaining the ground was more conspicuous than its capture, as the evacuation of the wounded and the bringing up of supplies were most difficult.
The English papers acclaim the victory as proving that in a moment of international crisis France's soldiers have proved her best ambassadors, restoring the war to its true perspective.
They point out that the German indecisive success in Rumania has in no wise relieved the threat in east and west.
They conclude:—The allied nations may contemplate the future with quiet minds.

DENMARK AND THE WAR.

Ceaseless Propaganda of German Agents.

The Daily Chronicle's special correspondent lately in Scandinavia, writes:—

The Sound is 14 miles across between Malmö in Sweden and Copenhagen, and passenger boats have to zigzag their way across to avoid German mine-fields. Before embarking at Malmö I was taken a mile or so along the coast and shown German warships away out in the Sound on the skirts of these mine-fields. When I arrived at Copenhagen the neutrality of Denmark was impressed upon me by the sight of German ships unloading coal at the quay. These facts indicate what a real thing the war is to Denmark, and how near she is to the zone of danger. German warships in the Sound would have Copenhagen at their mercy, while down on the land frontier there is the possibility of a swoop forward by German armies over the rich dairy farms and stock yards filled with highly desirable produce. For a bold, self-respecting and vivacious people like the Danes these are not pleasant thoughts. I am convinced though Denmark is making a lot of money out of the war the Danish people as a whole will be glad to see the war come to an end.

Trade with Germany.

Meantime while the mass of the people have the friendliest feelings towards Britain, the official attitude is one of unbending neutrality, and a great trade with Germany continues, as well as a great trade with ourselves. It must not be forgotten that the normal trade between Denmark and Germany is very extensive, a state of affairs which is sometimes ignored by those who shout about the supplies of neutrals to our enemies. The arrangement, however, by which—under an organisation of Danish business men—imports from overseas are regulated so as to prevent extra supplies filtering through to Germany seems to me to be working excellently. The Danes are vigilant to prevent illicit leakages and punish remorselessly smugglers or would-be-smugglers, people whose Danish nationality may often be suspected. A keen business staff under Sir Ralph Paget at the British Legation lends a hand to the authorities, and on the whole smuggling is infinitesimal. It is not hard to understand the mortification of the Danes when keenly struggling to carry out their obligations they are occasionally charged with thinking of nothing but money making by any means within their power. Money is streaming into the country automatically. What the Danes are thinking of is the preservation of Denmark. In a very real sense the country is between the devil and the deep sea.

That the sympathies of the Danish people are with the Allies there can be no doubt, but in Denmark, as in the other Scandinavian countries, one naturally

must not look for self-sacrificing devotion to our cause. Neutrals not free from danger have their own safety to think about. They want to keep out of the maelstrom. In this fact lies the opportunity for German propaganda—propaganda conducted in a score of subtle ways. German agents under various guises are everywhere to be found—and they work unceasingly. Too much energy can hardly be expended by Britain not only in explaining the causes for which we are fighting, but in showing where the true interests of Scandinavians lie, and in dealing with points which arise in connection with the blockade.

The Government in Power.

Even among the most friendly Danes I found traces of the idea (no doubt from German sources) that we fight for our own ends only, leaving our Allies the real rear and fear. Very persistent, moreover, is the memory the Danes retain for what happened in 1864, when we caused Denmark to think we would help her against Prussia and then failed to do so. On top of this the German agents assiduously stimulate the idea that all the present inconveniences and dangers of Denmark arise from the British action in connection with the blockade.

A Coalition Government is in power, and the leader of the Labour party, Mr. Stauning, is a member of the Cabinet. The following is a classification of representatives in the Legislature: Moderate Liberals, 42; Radicals, 27; Socialists, 32; Independent Radicals, 5; Conservative, 8. It will be seen what a substantial proportion of the whole are the Socialists, and these are so unflinchingly and demonstrably neutral that there has been a tendency to regard their trend as being towards pro-Germanism. They claim to represent 30 per cent. of the electorate. If this is so, it shows what an extensive area of opinion is open for educative influence by both belligerents, and no one can doubt that the Germans are taking full advantage of the situation. Evidence is to hand in the fact that the Labour party at least do not dismiss the suggestion (though careful to say they do not endorse it) that the Germans are fighting the war to defend their own country.

Among the common people I found not only friendliness but cordiality to Englishmen and everything English. At the same time, you could not go to a big hotel without finding luggage of visitors with German labels on it. To put the thing in a sentence, Germany looms over Denmark like a bird of prey, trying to paralyse alternately by fear and fascination. Britain should continually have in hand the work of checking the process.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The O. P. O. S. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Vancouver on Dec. 15, a.m.
The O. P. O. S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Nagasaki on Dec. 18, at 8 a.m., due to arrive Manila on Dec. 21, at 9 a.m.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Winter "Blisley": Boxing Day.
In regard to the above meeting, the following notification is issued:—

Teams.
Officers in charge of teams are requested not to fail in sending in the names of the members of their teams not later than Wednesday, December 20. The names are required for squadding purposes. The information must be sent to Mr. F. C. Jenkin's Chambers, Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street, Tiffin.

Visitors to the range are advised that tiffin will be provided by the Wiseman Canteen, Ltd., (and not by the Alexandra Cafe as previously announced.) All officers are invited to tiffin with the Police Reserve Superintendent. All competitors and others on duty at the firing point and in the butts will tiffin as the guests of the Police Reserve Headquarters Club. Others may obtain tiffin by making early arrangement with the Wiseman Cafe (Tel. 407).

Squadding.
Each competitor will be furnished with a squadding ticket, showing his place and the target at which he must fire. Mr. S. J. Obinchen, Chief Inspector (Musketry), H.K.P.B., will act as Squadding Officer. Firing will commence at 10 a.m. promptly.
Launches.
Launches will leave Murray Pier (and not Blake Pier) as follows:—At 8.45 a.m., 9 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 2 p.m. And from Stonecutters at 4.30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday the Fifth day of January 1917, at twelve o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

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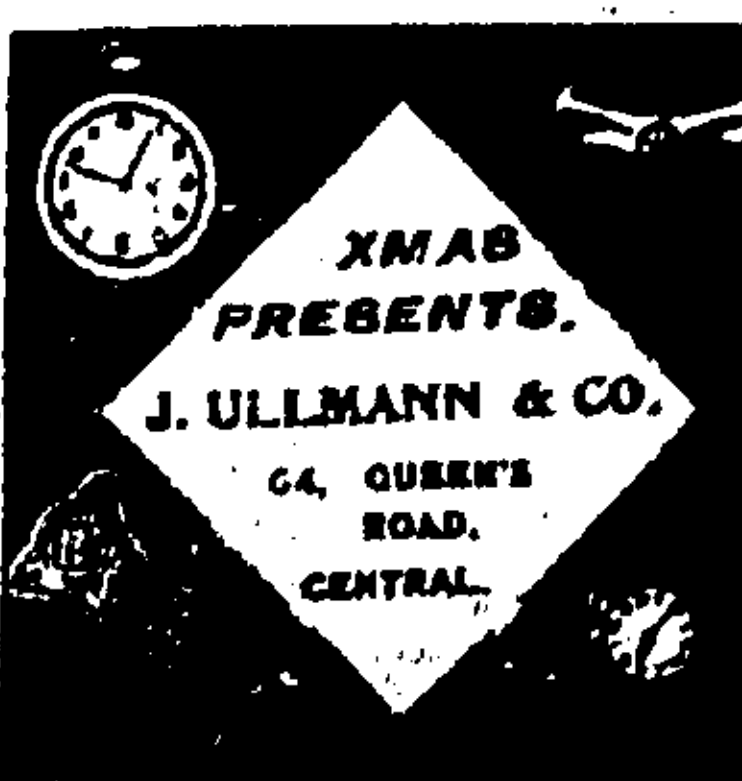
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Tjimanoeek	SHANGHAI	24th Dec.	27th Dec.	JAVA
Tjitaroem	JAVA	28th Dec.	3rd Jan.	SHANGHAI
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Sales of Japanese Steamers.
The recent extraordinary rise in the price of ships has slightly deterred the progress of transactions, but the demand continues brisk as may be inferred from the fact that the following four vessels changed hands recently:—
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To Build Ships for Norway.
Victoria: B. O. October 26.—The Dominion Government will permit the building of merchant ships in Canada for Norway, according to a telegram from Ottawa made public to-day. Contracts for three vessels valued at \$3,500,000 have already been signed with Vancouver shipbuilders, and they only required assurance of the Government that a transfer of flags would be granted on completion to become effective. Orders for seven or eight other vessels also will be given almost immediately, it was said to-day, and the total value will reach not less than \$10,000,000.

Japan-Indian Feights.
The Indo Japanese Freight Association, composed of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the P. & O. Company, in view of the increased freight for India, has announced a complete revision of Japan-India freights, which is to become operative from February 1 reports a Kobe paper. The chief points of the revision are that freights for Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo have been raised by Y.1 per ton, and those for Bombay by Y2, while the five per cent. rebate granted in respect of freights for Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, and Colombo has been cancelled, but the 10 per cent. rebate for Bombay freights has been retained. Matches, cement, and other goods hitherto counted by the number of packages in calculating freights will hereafter be reckoned by the ton of 40 cubic feet, this change averaging an increase of about 10 per cent. in the scale of freights.

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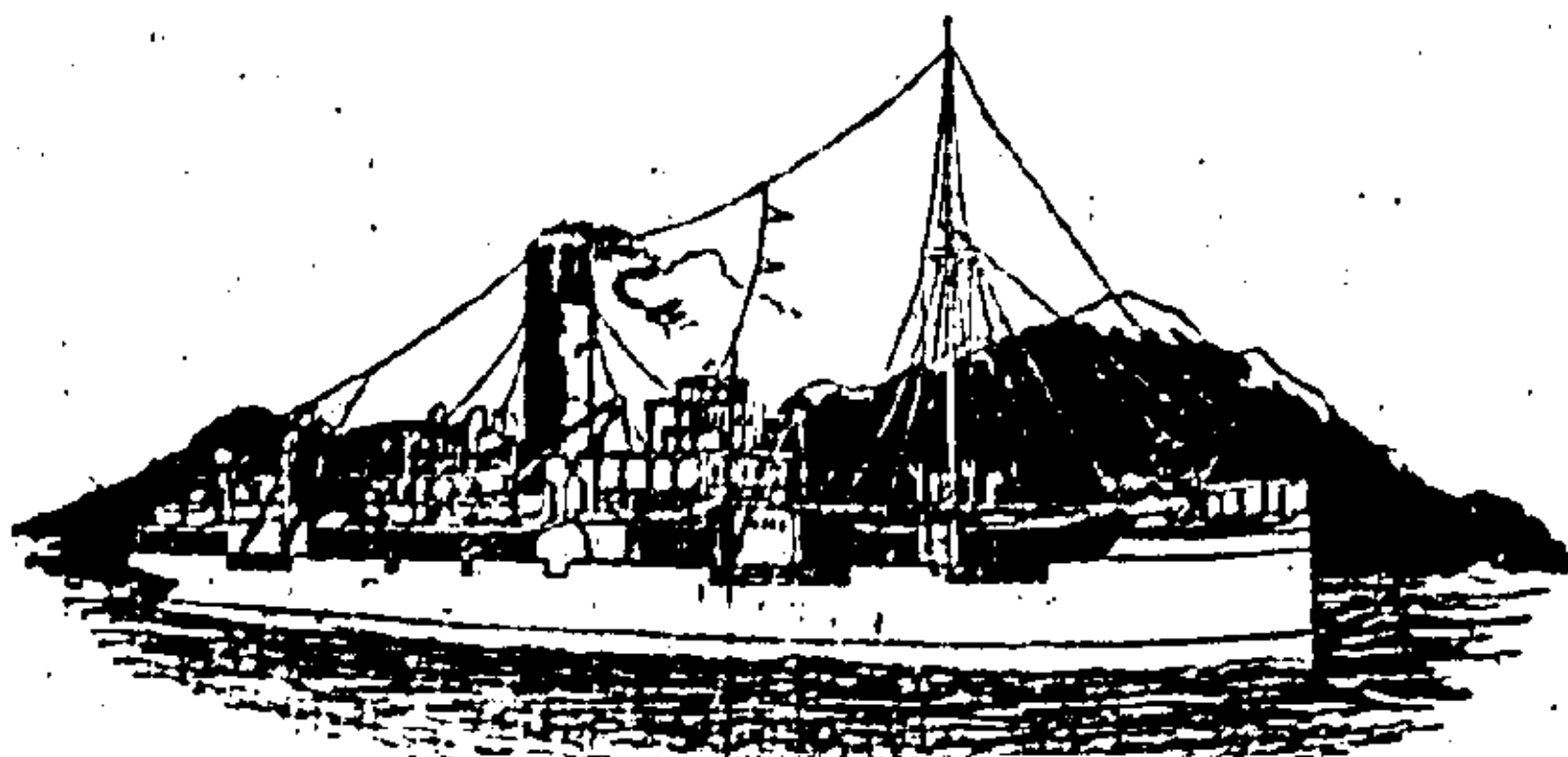
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Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	28, Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	28, Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Eurythias	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Merchire	J. M. Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
London via Ports	Peleus	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	O. of Madras	B. L.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17, Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20, Jan.
London via Ports	Phemius	B. & S.	28, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANAL.

Victoria, B.C., & Seattle	Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	19, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tanyo M.	T. K. K.	19, Dec.
Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Euador	P. M. S. S.	31, Dec.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
Seattle via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	7, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Iriou	B. & S.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Feb.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Shanghai	Kiukiang	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Hongkong	Huichow	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Tientsin via Weihaiwei	Kueichow	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Shanghai	Chenan	B. & S.	20, Dec.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kutsang	J. M. Co.	20, Dec.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Shanghai and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	21, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	21, Dec.
Kobe	Moyori M.	N. Y. K.	21, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	22, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	22, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tydeus	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Haiphong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	22, Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yotorofu M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Manila	Yuenasang	J. M. Co.	23, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Japan	D. S. & Co.	23, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Shirala	D. S. & Co.	23, Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Swatow	Anhui	B. & S.	24, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via S'tow	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	26, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	's Jacob	J. C. J. L.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Teau	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Java	Tjimanook	J. C. J. L.	27, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Choyasang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	29, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	29, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Manila	Somali	P. & O.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	31, Dec.
Kobe	Nyanza	P. & O.	1, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Teenkei	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Sendakan	Atusta M.	N. Y. K.	10, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Ixiou	B. & S.	11, Jan.
Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Antiochus	B. & S.	16, Jan.
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representatives at an appointed
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	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time
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Tues. 19	11.25	5.25	11.25	5.25
Wed. 20	11.35	5.35	11.35	5.35
Thurs. 21	11.45	5.45	11.45	5.45
Fri. 22	11.55	5.55	11.55	5.55
Sat. 23	12.05	6.05	12.05	6.05
Sun. 24	12.15	6.15	12.15	6.15

m morning, a afternoon.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s
Steamer ECUADOR arrived Shanghai
December 18, at 8 a.m. Leave December
19, for Hongkong via Manila, and is ex-
pected to arrive here December 26.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s COLOMBIA
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan
Ports.

The CHINA arrived in San Fran-
cisco on Tuesday, December 12, in
accordance with schedule, and will sail
from there on time Friday, December 21.
She is due to arrive in Hongkong on
January 20, 1917.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The S.S. JAPAN from Calcutta left
Singapore on the 14th inst. and may be
expected here on or about the 20th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers:

Waiyee, Br. ss. 4,399, Rutherford, 4th Sept—
Yunro Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—B. L.
Yahiko M. Jap. ss. 1,800, Noda, 9th Dec.
—Moji, 1st Dec. Coal.—M. B. K.
Lokwang, Br. ss. 979, Ritchie, 10th Dec.
—Hobrow, 7th Dec. Gen.—J. M. &
C.
Bourbon, Fr. ss. 997, 11th Dec.—Saigon,
5th Dec. Rice.—R. H. Ray & Co.
Mansuport, Br. ss. 1,945, 11th Dec.—
Saigon, 6th Dec. Rice.—Chin-
Haido, Nor. ss. 1,065, Green, 15th Dec.—
Swatow, 12th Dec. Rice.—Chinese.
Tanyo M. Jap. ss. 1,334, 25, Smith, 15th
Dec.—San Francisco, 11th Nov. Gen.
—T. K. K.
Alhambra, Br. ss. 2,468, Beta, 14th Dec.—
Chinwang, 9th Dec. Coal.—D. &
Co.
Tamba M. Jap. ss. 3,593, 29, Akamatsu,
14th Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—N. Y. K.
Obunang, Br. ss. 1,406, Matlock, 15th
Dec.—Haiphong, 15th Dec. Rice—
J. M. Co.
Tami g. Br. ss. 1,354, Penefather, 15th
Dec.—Manila, 12th Dec. Gen.—
B. & S.
Temaishima M. Jap. ss. 838, Kawakami,
15th Dec.—Yayeyama, 10th Dec.
Coal.—Order.
Yel M. Jap. ss. 1,538, Matsumoto, 15th
Dec.—Swatow, 14th Dec. Gen.—
D. & C.
Anpin, Chl. ss. 1,177, Wallace, 16th
Dec.—Tientsin, 10th Dec. Gen.—
C. M. S. N. Co.
Eugenia, Rus. ss. 1,235, Weide, 16th Dec.
—Daly, 11th Dec. Gen.—R. Dollar
Co.
Hengchang, Chl. ss. 1,155, Munro, 16th
Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Hakuhito, Jap. ss. 817, Karaki, 16th Dec.
—Saigon, 11th Dec. Rice.—Order.
Solung, Br. ss. 1,778, Simpson, 16th Dec.
—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—J. M. &
C. Co.
Carmarthenshire, Br. ss. 2,994, Wake-
man, 17th Dec.—Singapore, 10th
Dec. Gen.—M. & Co.
Castledale, Br. ss. 1,022, 17th Dec.—
Saigon, 8th Dec. Rice.—Chinese.
Chibbi, Br. ss. 1,144, Lloyd, 17th Dec.—
Saigon, 24th Nov. Rice.—B. & S.
Fakura M. Jap. ss. 3,178, Otsaki, 17th
Dec.—Hongkong, 14th Dec. Coal—
M. B. K.
Monsiegn, Fr. ss. 738, Marguerite, 17th
Dec.—Haiphong, 16th Dec. Gen.—
A. R. Marty.
Saigon M. Jap. ss. 2,740, Yamamoto, 17th
Dec.—Saigon, 9th Dec. Gen.—O. S. K.
Yuhun, Chl. ss. 1,027, Legge, 17th Dec.—
Bangkok, 7th Dec. Rice.—Chinese.
Asanaka, Jap. ss. 1,810, 18th
Dec.—Mitsui, 15th Dec. Coal—M. B. K.
Amazona, Fr. ss. 3,343, 18th Dec.—
Saigon, 11th Dec. Gen.—
M. M.
Cheonan, Br. ss. 1,353, Warrell, 18th Dec.
—Shanghai, 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Dainichi M. Jap. ss. 1,945, Furei, 18th
Dec.—Saigon, 9th Dec. Rice.—M. B. K.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Ton- nage.	Date Due.	From.
D. S. Co.	Japan	7,441	Dec. 21	Calcutta
B. & S.	Tydeus	9,54	Dec. 21	Singapore
B. & S.	Protesilaus		Dec. 23	Manila
J.C.J. L.	Tjimanook		Dec. 24	Shanghai
J.C.J. L.	Tjilatjap		Dec. 24	Kobe
P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 24	London
P. M. S. S.	Euador		Dec. 26	San Francisco
B. & S.	Chamius	6,599	Dec. 27	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tjiliwong		Dec. 27	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
J.C.J. L.	Tjitaroom		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	Nyanza		Dec. 31	Bombay
B. & S.	Teenkei	4,829	Jan. 2	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixiou	10,120	Jan. 3	Seattle
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 6	Australia
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 11	Kobe
P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay
B. & S.	Antiochus	9,038	Jan. 15	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixiou	10,120	Jan. 19	Manila
B. & S.	Telamon	4,509	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	China		Jan. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Euryades	5,713	Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyanza		Jan. 25	Kobe
P. & O.	Namur		Jan. 28	London
B. & S.	Talhybius		Jan. 31	Seattle
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Feb. 3	Liverpool

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The above named steamer having
arrived, Consignees of
cargo are hereby notified to send
in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on 14th December, at noon, will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must
then be taken from the Com-
pany's Godown. Storage charges
will be assessed on all
cargo remaining undelivered on
18th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised
after the goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged
cargo will be landed into
the Company's Godown, where
they will be examined on
20th December, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised
if filed after 3rd January, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1916.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CARMARTHENSHIRE"
From UNITED KINGDOM &
INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

CHRISTIAN STUMBLING BLOCKS.

Plain Words by Bishop Lander.

The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander) preached at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday from the text:—"Prepare ye the way of the people, cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones, lift up a standard for the people."—Isaiah 62—10.

He said:—"As John the Baptist chose the motto of his mission from the writings of Isaiah, so our messenger of the National Mission selected his from the prophets of Israel and Judah. And I can think of no message more appropriate for the present stage of the National Mission than these stirring words from the same source."

We have every reason to thank God and take courage for the way our National Mission has commenced. Our messenger came to us full of courage and strength, and the crowds that flocked to hear, the questions they asked, and the interest they evinced prove the desire that Englishmen have to learn God's will, and afford an immense encouragement and unparalleled opportunity to all earnest-minded people. The special services are over, the special preacher's visit is ended, but the National Mission in this place is only just beginning. "Is the sermon done?" asked a child at the close of service. "No, it is only preached, but it has now to be done," replied the wise parent. The message of the National Mission has been preached; it has now to be done by us. The *Record* newspaper quotes the Rev. F. E. Murphy as follows:—"The National Mission is only the commencement of a long campaign. Not the *terminus ad quem* but the *terminus a quo*. We are only beginning a great push and it must be relentlessly followed up with a steady pressure on the opposing ranks of the enemy. It may take years to change things, so we must be prepared for a long campaign which will test our spiritual staying power. How then shall we set to work and what shall be our aim?"

I reply:—"You, who are within the Church of God, be not content with your own salvation, but prepare the way of the people around you to come to God—cast up a highway for them, make it easier for them to come, let crooked things be made straight and the rough places smooth, gather out the stumbling stones out of their way, and lift up a standard of righteousness. Yes, it is for us now to take up the stumbling blocks out of the way of the people. Let me mention a few."

1. Our ungodliness, or, rather, our lack of godliness. We believe in God, but many of us do not put Him first. The people think us so half-hearted in our religion that they stumble in their way to God. If not for your own sake, for the sake of others do not any longer try to serve two masters. All this talk about not having time to pray, to attend church, and to seek the Lord, is nonsense. We can make time for whatever we really want to do, and the people around us know it. So long as they see the baptised and confirmed Church members ignoring God, they will blaspheme His name and God will hold us responsible. If the man in charge of a lighthouse allows the lamp to go out, it is his fault when ships are wrecked. Yes, that is the great stumbling block in the way of the people, and though I do not dwell upon it now, I believe it is of paramount importance, and were it removed, the others I am now about to mention would vanish.

2. Our party spirit is a stumbling block. It is not surprising that some stand aside and say to High Church and Evangelical, to Romanist and Anglican, Presbyterian and Congregationalist:—"Gentlemen, I wish you would stop disputing about what I consider the minor matters of your religion and tell me about the essentials." This is no time to contend for minutes of ritual or for subtle differences of biblical exegesis, and the like. The Anglican Communion is very wide and has room for many schools of thought, and while we are in it, let us consider

one another and help one another and be willing to lay aside our own personal predilections, eccentricities and traditions for the sake of the effectiveness of the whole Church. And I go further and say that the Anglican Communion does not contain all the people of God. The members of the great Eastern and Roman Churches are our brethren in Christ, as also the numerous sects, who split off for one cause or another from ourselves. Differ as we may on not unimportant points, it is the aggregate witness of all the churches which must present Christianity to the world. And anything we can conscientiously do to remove sectarian prejudice will help to prepare the way of the peoples. I think we recently had an illustration of this in the united meeting in the Theatre. If we cannot yet see Christendom reunited, let us at least remove all party strife and sectarian bitterness.

3. Another stumbling block which we must remove is our tendency to shirk our personal responsibility for the efficiency of our church. Some very wise statements have been issued of the Central Council of the National Mission in England. They say failures in the Church which hamper its effective witness should be felt as a burden on the conscience of every Churchman, and the duty of assisting in their remedy realised. Now the English Church has plenty of failures which hamper its effective witness. Some point to our pew-renting system, some to the way over Bishops and incumbents are appointed, and some to the way our services are conducted. Whatever failures there are should be a burden on the conscience of every Churchman. I am not satisfied with our pew-renting system, nor with the miserable annual public meeting of church-people in this Colony which elects and instructs the Church Body. I hope there will be such agitation on the part of church people that the regulations which govern us will be altered, and that not only seat holders and subscribers of \$10 be allowed a vote, but all *bona fide* adult church members. As it is now, more than ninety per cent. of the church members who are qualified to vote rush off to their various recreations, while half a dozen people elect the Church Body and then some of the 90 per cent. write to the newspapers and criticise the few who have done their best. A church which muddles along like this is hardly likely to be every effective or to lift up a standard for the people. I entirely agree with Bishop Norris that the basis of the Church Body in this place needs to be broadened, and there should be a fellowship of men and women committed to a life of open witness and aggressive work for Christ.

4. Further, there is the stumbling block of our Anglican coldness which needs to be removed. Reserve and shyness are national characteristics, but fellowship and brotherly love are Christian graces that must counteract them. There is danger lest we give the people who do not happen to be in our social set the impression that we do not want them. To have knelt side by side at the Lord's table ought to be quite sufficient introduction for fellow-Christians, and it is well worth the while of the older members of the congregation going out of their way to give the right hand of fellowship to strangers, who come to worship with us. We must abandon our coolness and manifest more fellowship when new members are received into the Church of Holy Baptism. The whole church should be interested, and such service, whether for infants or adults, may well be at the public evening service, so that the whole congregation can join their prayers with the parents. But parents shrink from asking for such publicity, as they feel other members of the congregation will not be interested. And when a number of earnest-minded young people or older people seek to be strengthened in their faith by confirmation, surely the whole congregation will come to pray for them, to welcome the new communicants, especially as the confirmation is only once a year. This has not been so in the past; anything more chilling and disheartening than the recent confirmation in this

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A Small Agenda for Thursday.

The Legislative Council meets on Thursday. The agenda is very brief, containing only the following items:—
Financial Minutes.
Report of the Finance Committee.

Resolution:—"That it is desirable that the sum of \$2,000 inserted in the Estimates for the years 1916 and 1917, under the heading 'Miscellaneous Services' Grants in aid of other Institutions, \$2,000 for Chinese Plague Hospitals, be applied for the general purposes of the Chinese Public Dispensaries, at the discretion of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs."

M. C. L. BAZAAR.

Disposal of Unsold Articles.

With the kind permission of Lady May, the unsold articles from the toy stall at the Ministering Children's League bazaar have been distributed by Mrs. Bowley as follows:—

Toys and perfumes to the Netherdale Hospital, Italian Convent and Diocesan Girls' School; cigarettes etc. to the Siamen's Institute; and soap to Mrs. Ede for soldiers' parcels.

The raffles for the baby doll and doll in cradle, have been drawn by the Misses Iris and Diane May, the winning numbers being 30 (Miss J. Lock) for the former, and 17 (Mrs. Arthur) for the latter.

The proceeds of the raffles and of the sale of a screen embroidered by Mrs. Bowley, amounting to \$95, will be sent home for Belgian children in England.

THE FORTHCOMING RACES.

Further Draw for Griffins.

Thirteen subscription griffins, which had arrived by the s.s. *Sinkiang*, were drawn for at the Jockey Club stables last evening, the draw resulting as follows:—
34, gray, Mr. O. E. Anton; 35, chestnut, Mr. B. D. F. Beith; 36, skewbald, Messrs R. M. Dyer and C. O. Boyd; 37, chestnut, Mr. M. T. Johnson; 38, brown, Mr. Sleg; 39, black, Mr. G. C. Moxon; 40, skewbald, Mr. A. M. Soares; 41, bay, Messrs Logan and Basto; 42, grey, Messrs H. Seth and E. Des Vaux; 43, grey, Messrs Logan and Basto; 44, dun, Mr. Staves; 45, grey, Mr. Beswick; 46, bay, Mr. Nemazee.

church I seldom experienced. The boys and girls are carefully prepared, but they are given the impression, at the outset, that the Cathedral congregation does not care whether they become full members or not. This must be changed. And, further, the Anglican communion is not confined to British people; people of many races are now coming into it, and they are just as welcome to God as you and me. Africans, Indians, Chinese and Japanese will have an equal part in her in days to come. At present they were asking their way to God and looking to us to prepare their way. Is it nothing to you that every month there are more Chinese communicants than English in this Colony, that today three Chinese priests and one Chinese deacon will be ordained, that a new diocese has been formed to be manned entirely by Chinese clergy? These things suggest boundless possibilities in setting our house in order and removing the stumbling blocks for our own people, we are preparing the way for millions of people of other races to enter into fellowship with our Lord and thus hastening the Kingdom of our Lord. Let us then arouse ourselves to prepare the way of the people, take away the stumbling blocks, whatever they are, and lift up a standard for the people.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM.

Sir Norman Hill's Proposal.

The most recent figures published by the Board of Trade with reference to British shipping show that during the past month of October there entered our ports:—
1,890,858 tons (British)
778,779 tons (Foreign)

A total of 2,469,435 tons for Oct., 1916.

In the same month three years ago, according also to the Board of Trade figures, there entered our ports:—

2,957,637 tons (British)
1,529,678 tons (Foreign)

A total of 4,487,315 tons for Oct., 1913. By a simple process of arithmetic, if you take the return for October, 1913, as representing 100, you find that 68 ships were British and 34 were foreign. Taking the figures for October, 1916, and applying the same process, you find that 38 were British and 17 were foreign.

The whole problem, therefore, of shipping at the present time is to make 55 ships do the work of every hundred, the remaining 45 being used for transports, hospital ships, store ships and other war purposes, to say nothing of the fact that we are carrying to a far greater extent than under normal conditions for our Allies.

It is only to a comparatively small extent that our ships have been destroyed by the enemy and not replaced. This destruction is not the big factor. The big factor is, as stated, that 55 ships have to do the work of 100. It is perfectly marvellous how they are doing it; but they want help. How can this help be given?

Lost Time at the Docks. Replying to this question in an interview with a representative of the *Observer*, Sir Norman Hill, secretary of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association and manager of the War Risks Association, said:

"In ships, as ships, the nation is not interested. It is very proud of its mercantile marine, but the ships are not what it is concerned with. It is concerned with the cargoes they bring."

"Now, the amount that a ship carries in cargo over a period depends on the length of the voyage, the time taken in loading at the port of embarkation and the time in discharging at the port of destination. You cannot shorten the length of the voyage. As far as imports are concerned, we are getting as good a dispatch in loading as in peace times, because the ports from which we are bringing the cargoes of food, raw material and munitions have no war demands upon them; they are working under peace conditions."

"We now come to the last point—the time occupied in discharging the cargoes. This is all-important, and everything must be done that can be done to shorten it. If you have only 55 ships to do the work of 100, it is obvious that you must use labour very freely to get the cargoes out and get them distributed. You cannot increase the number of ships, but by using labour freely you can save time, and saving time means more cargoes."

Our Army Fights on its Ships. "Ships, it is important to remember, are the base on which the armies are fighting. You may build as many munition factories as you like, but unless you can get the iron ore out of which to make steel your factories are useless; and, although you may make all the shells that are required, unless you can get them through the ports and out to the armies again your factories are useless."

"Take another important point: you must feed the nation if we are to carry on the fighting. Four loaves out of every five come from overseas. About half the meat supplies also come from overseas. There you have the problem."

"The solution of it seems to me to be this—to use the necessary number of men from amongst those we are keeping in this country for home defence. In other words, use the men we are keeping at home for a double purpose, home defence, coming first, and subject to that, giving to each man the greatest possible

encouragement to work at what was his civilian occupation—in the collieries, the shipyards, the railways and the docks."

"In applying this scheme to the ports it will be found that there are a very considerable number of skilled transport workers in the Army who, by reason of age or possibly some physical weakness, will never be sent out of this country. They are good and efficient soldiers for home defence, and they are trained men. Many of them are old soldiers who have served full time with the Colours long before this war. If you group these men in special battalions—special home defence battalions—you can always, subject to the requirements of home defence, give a very considerable proportion the opportunity to follow their occupation as dock workers."

"They will have, of course, to remain under discipline, because they may be called back to the Colours at twelve hours notice. They are soldiers all the time, and when they are not actually working as transport workers they will be training and doing camp duties just like any other soldiers. When, on the other hand, they are working they will be earning for themselves the civilian rate of pay, and when they are back in camp they will be having soldiers' pay."

Soldiers to Supplement Civilian Labour.

"It is essential that we should have the maximum amount of help from the civilian dock workers still left. We cannot spare soldiers to replace civilian dockers. But we can use soldiers to supplement, in any port where there are not enough civilian dock workers."

"There is in existence a Transport Workers' Battalion, which has worked with success in twenty-three ports already. The men have been sent into no port until the committee for that port has certified that there is a deficiency of civilian labour, and on that committee the labour union is represented. Labour, indeed, has helped the scheme splendidly. Mr. Gosling, the President of the Transport Workers' Union, was one of its parents."

"I attach the greatest importance to using the skilled men in the home defence troops only to supplement deficiencies. It would be perfect folly to use them to supplant civilian labour. It is almost incomprehensible to me that the fullest use has not been made of this scheme from the beginning. It is the only way I know of getting more work out of the ships. It is only by getting more work out of the ships that we can increase our food supplies. It is only by increasing those supplies that we can bring down prices."

"Push on with the building programme by all means. It is a very important matter to look ahead for the next few years. But this other plan is here in your hands, and is effective from the very day you begin to use it."

"Take a ship on the North Atlantic trade. Under normal conditions it is seven days loading cargo for this country, ten to twelve days on the voyage here, and about another seven days discharging. If you are going to keep that ship fourteen days discharging, what is the loss of carrying power? You have twenty-four days for loading for the voyage and for discharging. To add an additional seven days to the time now taken for discharging means a loss of at least about 25 per cent. to its cargo carrying power over a period of time. It is an enormous loss."

"If it is a voyage to the Far East the loss of efficiency, it is true, is smaller, because the time in port is relatively less. Taken, however, all round it is not an exaggeration to say that the carrying power of ships over a period of three months, six months or twelve months could be increased by at least 10 per cent. And if you increase the weight of cargoes brought in by 10 per cent it is immaterial whether you have done it by increasing the number of ships by 10 per cent, or by increasing the efficiency of their voyage by 10 per cent."

"In times of peace we import into this country about 60 million tons weight of cargoes a year. Ten per cent. of this tonnage is five millions, and I suppose the total weight of our average import of wheat is not more than

ANOTHER LOCAL PUBLICATION.

"The Police Reserve Gazette."

It has sometimes been urged that there is ample room for a monthly magazine for Hongkong, and that such a periodical, run on sensible lines, would be what the Americans term "a plying proposition." The experiment has been tried, but hitherto has proved a failure. The Hongkong Police Reserve, undaunted by this fact, has determined to carry on a magazine of its own, to be published in the middle of each month, and the first number is now going the rounds of the Colony. This number contains five and twenty pages, which include some pointed editorial notes, "Some Advice to Police Reservists" by H. E. the Governor, "The Police and the Law," by His Honour the Chief Justice, "The Tale of John O'Donnell, Privateersman," by Captain Oshpkin of the Volunteers, "Chinese Marriage" by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, some bright and anonymous skits on police matters, and a lengthy supplement devoted exclusively to the doings of the Corps.

For a first number, the *Police Reserve Gazette* is something of an achievement, and there is that about it which makes one think that it will grow rapidly, both in quantity and in quality. In most cases where previous magazine attempts have failed, the failure has been largely due to the fact that the enterprise was in amateur hands. In this instance, however, the magazine is in the hands of the editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, Mr. A. Hicks, the business manager is a practical printer with wide commercial knowledge—Mr. E. J. Noronha; and these are backed up, first by a sound committee, which includes the editor of the *Daily Press* and the assistant-editor of the *Telegraph*; and, secondly, by the entire corps of Reservists which numbers many men who possess distinct literary or artistic ability.

The Police Reserve does not believe in failures, if one is to judge by the singular success that has attended all its varied ventures; and the present writer fails to see how its latest effort can do other than succeed, seeing that it starts with an assured circulation, and that all work done for it is entirely gratuitous. —Contributed.

CRICKET.

University v. Navy.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Wednesday, the 20th inst., on the Orangewood ground at 1.30 p.m. sharp:—A. B. Ramjohn (Capt.), G. E. Marley, K. Brayshaw, F. Redmond, J. D. Wright, E. Fensonby-Fane, A. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, Chow Yat Cheong, W. Gittins and W. Hall. Score:—G. S. K. Kwok.

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The following is the approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending December 16, 1916:—

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Last Year: ... 10,797 549,913
Increase: ... 1,480 161,026

five million tons. If, therefore, I am right about the total tonnage, I could, if I had the hundred, instead of only the 55, ships, carry the whole of the wheat imported into the United Kingdom in a year by the carrying power I should save by the better discharge and despatch at the ports. Even with the number of available ships cut down to 55 in every 100, I could carry at least half the quantity of wheat imported by the carrying power I should save. Is it not worth doing? Is not the scheme of asking the men retained for Home Defence to work for a double national advantage worth pushing ahead with all the vigour which we can command?"

MURDER CHARGE.

Sequel to "Lighter Coolies' Quarrel."

A charge of murder against a Chinese was heard at the Police Court this afternoon by Mr. C. D. Melbourne. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Gordon, in outlining the case, said defendant and deceased were both employed as coolies on lighter No. 66, belonging to the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. Prior to November 27, there had apparently been some difference of opinion between them, but on that day, as deceased was coming out of the fore hatch, and was in a position in which he was unable to defend himself, defendant struck him twice, once on the head and once on the back, with a capstan spar. The deceased fell to the deck and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital before being seen by the Police. He remained there in a semi-conscious condition for about ten days, when he died. The occurrence on the lighter was seen by an Indian watchman, who arrested defendant.

Dr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent at the Government Civil Hospital, spoke to the injuries sustained by deceased, and said death was due to the rupture of a blood-vessel in the brain. The injuries could have been caused by a blow of the capstan spar, produced.

An interpreter at the Water Police Station stated that defendant, when charged with assault, said:—"He threw a bottle at me first and I struck him with a pole."

A man employed as a watchman on the day in question said he saw defendant pick up the capstan spar and strike deceased twice as he was coming up the hatch.

Defendant was committed for trial.

YACHTING.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Owing to the wind falling light on Saturday, the fourth of the series of Club Championship Races for the Handicap, One Design, Hayward Mays and Gasei Classes had to be abandoned.

The Second of the series of Club Championship Races for the Cruiser Class was sailed off on Sunday last.

Course:—Adamaster Rock (S). Distance 20 miles.

Yacht	Start	Finish	Corrected
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Miranda	8.40	5.35	5.28.53
Ononone	8.40	5.35	5.28.53
Scotengden	8.40	5.35	5.28.53
Dorothy II	21.40	5.30	5.08.22
Lady Godiva	48.40	D.N.S.	

Position	for race, to date.
(1) Dorothy II	6
(2) Ononone	4
(3) Scotengden	3
Miranda	—
Lady Godiva	—

Yacht	Start	Finish	Corrected
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Feathers	1.40	5.02	5.04.17
Irene	receives	8.40	5.34.07
Vesper	—	6.40	D.N.S.
Queen Bee	—	6.40	D.N.S.

Position	for Race to Date.
(1) Feathers	5
(2) Irene	3
Vesper	—
Queen Bee	—

Lecture. Captain Pollitt, LL. D., has kindly consented to deliver a lecture at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday the 21st inst., on "Central Asia as the meeting place of Eastern and Western Civilization," under the auspices of the Old Volume Society, in the Ball Room at Government House, kindly lent for the purpose by the Governor. His Excellency cordially invites all who are interested in the subject, upon which Captain Pollitt is a recognised authority, to avail themselves of this opportunity.

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plate, glass ware, etc., etc.
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NATIONAL MISSION.

A wish has been expressed by
many of those who attended the
Services and Address last
week that they would like to
subscribe to the expenses of the
Mission.Hon. Treasurer Mr. W. M.
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NOTORIOUS SPY
ARRESTED.Blackmail Charges Against
Carl Graves.Washington, Nov. 12.—Dr.
Armgaard Carl Graves, the
author of "The Secrets of the
German War Office," has been
arrested at the residence of
Prince Hatfield, Counselor at
the German Embassy.He is charged with attempted
blackmail by trying to extort
£800 from Countess Bernstorff,
in return for supposed embar-
assing letters smuggled from
Germany, and obtained by Graves
in some unknown matter.Two letters, as a matter of fact,
are quite harmless, and were
written by a relative to the
Countess.Graves endeavoured to nego-
tiate through Prince Hatfield,
but the latter called in the police.Armgaard Carl Graves is just
turned 40 years of age, and he
claims that he has crowded into
his short life "more sensations
than fall to the lot of the average
half a dozen men." He is the
mysterious person who was ar-
rested in this country for spying
in 1914, but who was released
18 months before war broke out.
Questioned in Parliament in June
1913 on Graves' release, the
Secretary for Scotland (Mr.
McKinnon Wood) said: "Graves
was released in December last.
It would not be in accordance
with precedent to state the reasons
for the exercise of the pre-
rogative."After his release Graves went to
New York, and stated there that
he had been in the pay both of
the German and the British
secret services.

POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and
Portuguese East Africa, Fermo and Mor-
occo cannot be transmitted.The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.Ships in communication with Cape
D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:-STANDARD ARROW
AMAZONEASTRAL
TENYO MARU
TAMBA MARU.

MAILS DUE.

Europe (via Nagasaki)—Per JAPAN,
21st Dec.REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS
close 15 minutes earlier than the time
given below unless otherwise stated.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Hongkong—Per CHUNSHANG, 19th Dec.
5 p.m.
Fort Bayard—Per HOIPING, 19th Dec.
5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Saigon—Per BOURBON, 20th Dec.
11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per CHENAN,
20th Dec, 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou via Takao &
Amoy—Per SUIU MARU,
20th Dec, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 21st December.

Haiphong & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG,
21st Dec, 11 a.m.
Straits & India via Calcutta—Per KUT-
SAGU, 21st Dec, 11 a.m.
Canton—Per YELI, 21st Dec,
11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China, (Europe
via Siberia)—Per SINKIAN,
21st Dec, registration 15 p.m.
Letters 3 p.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.]
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per
WING ANG, 21st Dec, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAI-
HONG, 22nd Dec, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 23rd December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 23rd
Dec, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24th December.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 24th Dec, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New
Zealand & New Guinea via
Thursday Isl.—Per EASTERN,
25th Dec, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 26th December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING,
26th Dec, 9 a.m.
Philippine Isl.—Per TEAN, 26th Dec,
9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay,
Durban, Johannesburg, Cape
Town & United Kingdom—Per
KAMO MARU, 28th Dec, Re-
gistration 9.15 a.m. Letters
10 a.m.Shanghai, N. China, Japan via
Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver,
United States, Central & South
America & United Kingdom via
Canada (Europe via Siberia)—
Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA,
28th Dec, registration 9.15
a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.]

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAI-
TAN, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand, Western
Australia, India, Aden, Egypt &
Europe (The parcel mail will
be closed on Thursday, 29th
Dec, at 5 p.m.)—Per SOVAYA,
19th Dec, registration 10.15
a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haiphong, Chi. s.s. Henslin, 18th Dec.—
Shanghai, 18th Dec, Gen.—C.M.S.N.
Co.Daifin, Nor. s.s. 596, Thorsen, 19th Dec.—
Bangkok, 19th Dec, Rice—T. & Co.Foonchow, Br. s.s. 1333, Davis, 19th Dec.—
Saigon, 19th Dec, Rice—B. & S.Foonchow, Br. s.s. 1413, Hay, 19th Dec.—
Saigon, 19th Dec, Rice—B. & S.Huoh, Br. s.s. 1205, Scott, 19th Dec.—
Swatow, 19th Dec, Gen.—B. & S.Kyoko M. Jap. s.s. 2, Of. Fukuoka,
19th Dec.—Bangkok, 24th Nov, Rice
—M. B. K.Tungwah, Br. s.s. 845, Ross, 19th Dec.—
Bangkok, 7th Dec, Rice—Order.Yuenang, Br. s.s. 1753, Macey, 19th Dec.—
Manila, 15th Dec, Gen.—J. M.
& Co.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 16.

Futaki M. for Keelung
Kaifu M. for Tamsui via Swatow.
So hu M. for Canton
Anson M. for Keelung & Yokohama
Mygisian M. for Hongkong
Kikukang for Canton

Dec. 18.

Taichun for Canton
Hanyang for Canton
Astral for San Francisco
Standard Arrow for Swatow
Sungkian for Haiphong via Hoihow
Wingang for Canton
Dumeta for Marseilles via Singapore
Cheongshing for Canton
Sukang for Canton
Chesun for CantonCLEARANCES AT THE
HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 18.

Hingfong for Canton
Amazon for Marseilles via Haiphong
Trigaria for Palembang

Dec. 19.

Tamsu M. for Seattle via Shanghai
Kueito M. for Tientsin via Weihaiwei
Haiphong for Swatow
Teoyo M. for San Francisco via Swatow
Hoipong for K. C. Wan via Macao
Donax for Bala Pappan
Fuchow for Hongkong
Carnegie for V. V. Stock via S'hai
Taming for Lolo via Manila

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. DAGFIN, from Bangkok, on
Dec. 19.
Olson P. A.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. TAMBA MARU, sailed from
Hongkong, for Seattle, on Dec. 19.
Allen Mr & Mrs
D. G.
Barton H.
Bischof C. E.
Coxon Mrs.
Fraser Mr & Mrs.
Hawthorne Mr &
Hedges J.
Mural
Masunaga Y.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.25—Pressure has in-
creased moderately over N. Japan and
decreased slightly over S. Japan, the
Lochosa, and Annam. It is nearly
stationary elsewhere.The monsoon will freshen along the
east coast of China and over the N. China
Sea.Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 79.81 inches,
against an average of 62.74 inches.FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.District. Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock—N.E. winds,
moderate to fresh;
fair, colder.
Formosa Channel—N.E. winds,
strong.3 South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Lamock—The same
as No. 1.
4 South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Hainan—The same
as No. 1.China Coast Meteorological Register.
December 19, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
V. Stock	6a	30.05			nw	6	
Hamro	5a	30.17			nw	1	
Halobate		30.10			nw	1	
Tokio		30.13			nw	1	
Kochi		30.15			nw	1	
Nagasaki		30.15			nw	1	
Kyushu		30.15			nw	1	
Oshima		30.08			nw	1	
Haha		30.01			nw	1	
Kobu		29.97			nw	1	
Soulin Is.		30.06			nw	1	
Chusan	6a						
W. Hailow							
Hankow							
Lochow							
Kiukiang							
Changsha							
Shanghai		30.21	46	87	nne	4	r
Gusai		30.12	69	100	sw	4	o
Shang P.		29.96	69	88	n	1	b
Amoy	5a	29.99	82	100	w	2	b
Swatow	5a	29.94	66	94	w	4	o
Taihou		29.93	64		nne	4	o
Taihu		29.91	66		n	6	o
Tainan		29.87	72		nne	4	o
Koshun		29.85	63		nne	7	o
Fuores		30.02	59	59	n	3	o
Canton	6a	29.95	67	48	no	0	o
H'kong		29.97			no	3	o
Gap Rock		29.99	64	41	nne	1	o
Macao							
Wuchow	1a						
Pakhoi							
Hoihow							
Tonnan	7a	30.02	59	79	nw	4	o
Tonnan		29.88	66		nne	6	o
C. St. J.		29.74	70		nw	4	o
Aperti	6						
Dagupan		29.71	75	66	0	0	
Manila		29.73	73	98	0	0	
Legaspi		29.73	77	91	nne	1	b
Pacloban		29.72	77	92	wnw	1	b
Hollu		29.71	75	96	n	1	b
Surigao							
Laduan		29.64	78	94	n	6	b

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous
Day On date On date.

Barometer—29.97 30.01 29.99

Temperature—74 67 70

Humidity—47 48 36

Wind Direction—ESE CALM N

Force—1 0 2

Weather—0 0 0

Rain—0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest temp. at 10 a.m. on the 19th 74

Lowest temp. at 10 p.m. on the 19th 65

H.K. Observatory, December 19, 1916.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

KISMET.

IN AID OF
STAR & GARTER FUND.

FOURTH & LAST NIGHT, DECEMBER, 23rd

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MATINEE, DECEMBER 20th

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